



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
LAW DAY IN NORTH DAKOTA
May 1, 2004

WHEREAS, Law Day is a celebration of our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under law; and

WHEREAS, judicial independence and fair and impartial judicial decision making under federal and state constitutions are essential to preserving American democracy, liberty and freedom; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme celebrates the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v Board of Education* and recognizes the hundreds of lawyers that dedicated themselves to *Brown* and other desegregation cases to protect the rights of all people; and

WHEREAS, the American experiment in self government requires constant vigilance of purpose, especially when it comes to ensuring the success of our uniquely American independent judiciary; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of North Dakota are encouraged to dedicate themselves to preserve and strengthen the rule of law and the independence of our courts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2004, **LAW DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State